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IIJ Acquires the Azure Expert MSP Certification in Microsoft Azure Partner Program

TOKYO—August 25, 2020—Internet Initiative Japan Inc. (IIJ; TSE1: 3774), one of Japan's leading Internet access and comprehensive network solutions providers, today announced that it has been certified as a Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Service Provider (Azure Expert MSP), that Microsoft Corporation grants through its partner certification program.

Azure Expert MSPs are one of the certified partners programs in the Microsoft Azure. This certification recognizes specialists in providing outstanding Azure managed services. To obtain this certification, partners must undergo a third-party audit on dozens of criteria, including expertise, experience, Azure-related services, human resources, processes, integration and management technologies, and the ability to deliver best practices to customers.

IIJ linked its IIJ GIO cloud services with Azure to promote its multicloud strategy, which includes offering closed network services through Azure. The firm received this certification in recognition of its technical capabilities in the system design, construction, and management of all Azure services and networks, as well as its track record in delivering services to its customers.

Last year, IIJ received the Microsoft Azure Networking Managed Service Provider (Azure Networking MSP) certification for providers that specialize in Azure networking services. With the Azure Expert MSP certification, IIJ is now certified as a partner in two Azure programs.

IIJ will continue enhancing its partnership with Microsoft Japan and helping its subscribers with their businesses.

Comments from Microsoft Corporation, One Commercial Partner, CVP, Gavriella Schuster

We have launched the “Azure Expert MSP” program for our partners to help our customers feel at ease in digital transformation, and support them to learn and improve their high technology.

We are happy to announce that Internet Initiative Japan Inc. gets “Azure Expert MSP” this time followed by “Azure Networking MSP”.

We believe that the combination of the high technology and know-how in the cloud management and networking with Microsoft Azure and IIJ’s IT management services can strongly support your digital transformation. Now, IIJ has become one of the “Azure Expert MSP” partners, it will ensure the success of your digital transformation. We commit you to drive your digital transformation much faster than ever with IIJ.

Comment from Masakazu Tachikui, Executive Managing Officer, Internet Initiative Japan

For more than 20 years, IIJ has helped its subscribers introduce cloud systems, using the expertise it has cultivated by building and managing cloud-based systems. In recent years, IIJ has also been responding to subscriber needs in terms of multicloud and hybrid cloud solutions. It has now received this certification because it provides

stable Azure managed services, which combine IIJ's strength in closed network services with integrated operations and management services for increasingly complicated systems administration. As a managed services provider, IIJ intends to continue helping its enterprise subscribers leverage cloud solutions.

About IIJ

Founded in 1992, IIJ is one of Japan's leading Internet-access and comprehensive network solutions providers. IIJ and its group companies provide total network solutions that mainly cater to high-end corporate customers. IIJ's services include high-quality Internet connectivity services, systems integration, cloud computing services, security services and mobile services. Moreover, IIJ has built one of the largest Internet backbone networks in Japan that is connected to the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia. IIJ was listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 2006. For more information about IIJ, visit the IIJ Web site at <https://www.ij.ad.jp/en/>.

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